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Crooked bridge removal project started then halted

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Official word arrived last week that the Alabama Department of Transportation (DOT) would permanently close Alabama Highway 125 at Whitewater Creek in Elba on Tuesday, Aug. 27, to allow the removal of the bridge locally known as the "crooked bridge."

DOT officials announced that Grady Ralls and Sons Inc. had been contracted to complete the project, and the estimated time for the removal of the bridge would be 50 working days. Construction warning signs were erected along the road ways leading to the bridge, and the project appeared to be on track.

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In regards to the project, Grimes said the bridge is owned by the state and the city will go along with any decision the state makes concerning the crooked bridge.

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The removal of the "crooked bridge" in Elba was set to begin Tuesday, Aug. 27; however, before the day was finished the project had been put on hold by state officials. Although Corps of Engineer officials feel the removal of the bridge is necessary to better the levee, the bridge holds great sentimental value to the people of Elba with its unique design and features. The photo on the bottom left shows the road closed Tuesday morning as work began on the project, but DOT officials said the road would be reopened Tuesday afternoon until state officials gave the project a greenlight again.

U.S. Highway 84 project reaches Coffee County

by Linda Hodge, Editor

When Governor Don Siegelman delivered the news concerning the four-laning of U.S. Highway 84 from Enterprise to Andalusia a few years ago, local residents were overwhelmed as they prepared for the project to begin; however, time left some wondering exactly when they would see progress.

That progress began some time ago in Covington County, and the idea of four-laning Hwy.

84 is more than a thought in some areas of that county. There are even some sections of the project that resemble the shape of a road. Yet, the questions continued as to when the project would reach Coffee County.

That question was answered a few weeks ago when the Alabama Department of Transportation (DOT) announced that S.A. Graham Construction Co., Inc. would begin the construction of additional lanes of Hwy. 84 from Covington County Rd. 30 to

Alabama Hwy. 141 in the Curtis Community of Coffee County.

Richard Brown, general manager for S.A. Graham Construction, said the company is currently trying to get everything cleared along this section of the roadway. Also, he said they are working to get drainage installations in place.

Brown said his company hopes to be through with the dirt and clearing project along this section of the roadway by Spring 2003.

As for the rest of the four-laning project, Ronnie Baldwin, an official with the Alabama DOT office in Troy, said the DOT is continuing to progress with its right-of-way acquisitions.

He said the next section set for letting will be the area of Hwy. 84 from the Babbie community to the South city limits of Opp that ties into U.S. Hwy. 331 in Opp. He added that November letting should include the section of Hwy. 84 that includes the relocation of the highway around New Brockton.

Baldwin said officials are still working on buying right-of-way along the section of Hwy. 84 reaching from the Curtis community to Coffee County Rd. 364.

"We are having some problems in Elba because of properties purchased by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), but we are working that out," Baldwin said. "Overall, the project is going very well."

Additionally, he said Elba residents might be interested in knowing that the DOT hopes to announce another design hearing real soon. He said this hearing will include the section of the Hwy. 84 project from Hwy. 87 South over to New Brockton.

Once completed, the U.S. Hwy. 84 project will allow motorists to travel a four-lane highway across Alabama from Andalusia to the Georgia State line.

Kinston receives grant for ballfield and the aquatic playground will be thoroughly enjoyed by the young people in the Kinston area. This grant demonstrates the state's commitment to financially supporting all facets of our children's well-being."

Members of the Elba Fire Department will present a check in the amount of \$2,000 for Jerry's Kids during the NDA (National Dysphagia Association) Telethon Monday, Sept. 2, at 3:30 p.m. on WAKA Channel 5.

It is important that we invest heavily in the future of our children," stated Rep. Terry Spicer (D-Elba). "I am confident that the little league baseball field



Just across the Covington County line, it is easy to realize that a major highway project is underway. As the photo indicates, construction crews have been working quite some time in this area of Hwy. 84 and are well on their way in creating additional lanes for the highway. In Coffee County, residents have wondered when they will see dirt move, and that question has been answered. The picture in the lower left corner shows where some trees have been knocked down as crews with S.A. Graham Construction have begun clearing land from Covington County Road 30 to Alabama Hwy. 141 near the Curtis Community in Coffee County.

Area Happenings

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES On Friday, Aug. 30, the Elba Tigers will host the Brantley Bulldogs, and the Zion Chapel Rebels will host the New Brockton Gamecocks. The Kinston Bulldogs have an open date.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE The City of Elba offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day. There will be standby crews for any electrical, water, street or sewer emergency. To report an emergency, please call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. There will not be a change in the garbage pickup schedule.

AREA FARM SERVICE AGENCY MEETINGS to be held concerning Farm Bill and Peanut Programs Sept. 4, 9 a.m. - Coffee County Farm Center, New Brockton; Sept. 4, 2 p.m. - First Baptist Church Family Life Center, E. Church St. - Headland.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

The police are reporting a number of citizens have complained of having "Keep Elba Dry" signs stolen from their property. While we don't know if this is some twisted effort to combat the message on the signs or just a prank - it is illegal as well as stupid. First, you know the penalty for breaking the law. The stupid part comes because having signs stolen for any cause or political candidate just ignites those who placed it there in the first place to put up two or three in its place! So, if it is a prank, you could get in trouble with the police just for trying to have a little fun. If it is motivated by a desire to influence someone... you can make them very mad and awake the sleeping giant! Neither situation ends on a positive note.

A news release Tuesday afternoon announced the mobilization of a National Guard military police company from Prattville. Folks, this bunch of troops get more than their share of military experience, especially for "weekend warriors." These are the folks who did such a professional job of furnishing security in Elba following the floods of 1990 and 1998. Another reason for us to be thankful to have such great people living around us and willing to help their fellow American citizen remain secure.

The "crooked bridge" over Whitewater was scheduled to be removed. This has been discussed for at least 15 years and finally a contractor moved in Monday to begin the work. By Tuesday all plans were on hold. The state highway department has not given a reason for the hold up, but someone with the department reportedly indicated it was temporary. This work has really caused headaches with the highway folks. They went through the legal hoops to get a contractor on the job to remove the bridge. Then the low bidder reportedly backed out, even forfeiting his bid bond. After the attorney sorted out the matter and awarded the bid to another contractor, we were into the last of August. Now, there are additional delays. One can only guess if the delay is related to a group of residents who live on Smith Avenue and oppose the removal or not. Again the state folks only told us that the demolition project is on hold "right now."

Chamber banquet set for Sept. 19

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual banquet on Thursday, Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m., at the National Security Conference Center. Those in attendance will be sampling "A Taste of Elba" by featuring some of the area businesses who will be treating them to a variety of their specialty foods. This year's banquet will again feature an awards ceremony for those businesses and individuals that have gone the extra mile to make Elba shine. The business

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of August 19, 2002, through August 25, 2002. They were: Sandra B. Gully, Celia Allen, Mary Hooks, Mavis LaGier, Tiffany Richards, R.C. Boutwell, Fannie Berry, Mary Kelly, Cody Blocker, Nathan James, Joshua L. Moore, Mary J. Jones and Silas Mauldin.

same time period were: Sara Chandler, Terrance Lamb, Verlinquina Hooks, Ricky Chandler, Celia Allen, Cynthia Hudson, Ronnie Parker, Sandra Gully, Trinton Smith, M.J. Caldwell, Tiffany Richards, Mary Kelley, Mary Ruth Hooks, R.C. Boutwell, Fannie Merle Berry, Thomas Cole, Cody Blocker, Silas Mauldin and Nathan D. James.

Elba Elementary School
Menu
Sept. 2 - 6, 2002

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Labor Day Holiday	Monday - Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday - Pancakes & Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn on Cob, Sliced Peas, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Jello, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Roll, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Barbecued Pork, Rice, Fried Okra, Bread, 1/2 Orange, Milk

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Lisa Hanchey named administrative assistant for Elba COC

The Elba Chamber of Commerce welcomed a new face to the office Monday, Aug. 19, when Lisa Hanchey assumed the position as administrative assistant for the

Chamber and Elba Economic and Development Board.

"I believe this job will be a great opportunity for me to better serve my community, and I look forward to working with

the people," Hanchey said. Lisa is married to Greg Hanchey, and they have one daughter, Ashley Harrelson, and three sons, Aaron Harrelson, Seth Hanchey and Avery Hanchey.

"I have no doubt that Lisa will be a valued addition to the chamber office," said Kaye

Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Elba Economic and Development Board. "She has already proven to be an asset, and I look forward to working with her as we strive to enhance the opportunities offered here in Elba."

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department beginning Monday, August 19, 2002, investigated the following incidents: one damage to property, three for criminal mischief, two for criminal trespassing, two for theft of property, one domestic violence, one burglary, one assault, one menacing and one unattended vehicle.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear, one for revoked probation and one for possession of a forged instrument.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driving with no driver's license, one for violation of the child restraint law, seven for violation of the seat belt law, three for no proof of insurance, eleven for speeding, one for driving with a revoked driver's license, one for driving with a suspended driver's license and two for no insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, AUGUST 19 - River stage - 5.12 feet (6:06 a.m.); Possible disturbance reported at 1320 Jones St. (2:10 p.m.); Alarm activated at 5389 Hwy. 84 (2:58 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hardee's (8:33 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20 - River stage - 3.20 feet (6:09 a.m.); Disturbance (fight in progress) reported at Beaver Dam Apartments. E6 (11:31 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 - River stage - 4.26 feet (6:13 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 823 Roosevelt Dr. (8:32 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 - River stage - 5.02 feet (6:05 a.m.); Disturbance (possible fight in progress) reported at Elba Texaco Food Mart (8:50 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 - Alarm activated at 5054 County Rd. 364 (12:45 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to respond to a fire alarm at the Elba General Hospital dietary (4:41 a.m.); River stage - 4.62 feet (6:12 a.m.); Alarm activated at 5797 County Rd. 364 (6:16 p.m.); Disturbance reported at the Elba Marketplace (8:06 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 1215 Jones Circle (8:11 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 - Civil disturbance (fighting) reported at 627 Mullins (1:14 a.m.); Alarm activated at Williams Signs printing room (2:38 a.m.); River stage - 4.09 feet (6:03 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 935 County Rd. 107 (6:47 a.m.); Routine activity.

BULLETIN BOARD

• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. - Courthouse 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.
• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall.
• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall.
• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday - 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom.
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room - Farm Center Complex @ New Brocton.
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center.
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office.
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• MASONIC LODGE 176 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - Elba High School.
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brocton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5316.
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House.
• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Etowah.
• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room.
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
• CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar.
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ferrin:

One of the many rich traditions in Elba is that of the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band. In its 60th year, the band has entertained and excelled in this community. Many people proudly tell stories of their days in the Marching Tiger Band. A reunion is being planned for all Elba High School Marching Tiger Band alumni. The reunion will be held during the homecoming festivities of Oct. 18, 2002.

A planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 5, at 6 p.m. in the high school band room. Anyone who is interested in pulling this event together should make plans to attend this meeting.

Please help us to get the word out to former band members. We are also searching for "old" pictures of the band. For more information, contact Jack and Jane Brunson, band booster co-presidents, at 897-6056 or me at 897-3813. We are looking forward to a wonderful time together.

Thanks,
Lynn Hudson Baker

EHS Marching Tiger Alumni To the Editor,

After Labor Day, Congress will return from its summer break. At that point, it will have two primary things on its agenda: passing the bulk of its spending bills for the coming fiscal year and scoring political points for the November elections. That's a dangerous combination for small business owners and their taxpaying customers.

The U.S. Senate, controlled by Congress' biggest spender - and by the narrowest majority possible - will be pushing hard to spend as much as possible in an attempt to buy public support.

Doubleless, Senate Democrat leaders such as Majority Leader Tom Daschle will paint a dire picture of what will happen if Congress fails to pass huge spending increases over and above what President Bush and his allies in the House have passed.

In doing so, Daschle's company will prove an old theorem: some in Congress don't believe you can ever spend enough.

To put the Senate Democrats

lamentations in perspective, consider for just a minute that Defense spending has increased some 21% since President Bush took office. That's not surprising considering the nation is at war. But even if just the President's budget request were approved, spending at the Department of Education will also have increased 26%, and Department of Labor-Health and Human Services-Education will have increased 19% since the last election. (And Labor-HHS-Education spending will have nearly doubled since 1996.)

And that's with the "heartless" Republicans controlling the White House and the House. Sincerely,
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ments were intended directly towards him, and Kennington said he was speaking to Brooks.

The last thing I heard you harping on was you were not chairman," said Kennington. Personally, I'm glad you're not.

He then made a reference that could be traced back to the commission's previous meeting when Commissioner Jim Thompson expressed his offense to a letter written by Brooks. The letter was written to Birmingham attorney James Blacksher and each commissioner also received a copy. Thompson indicated that he felt Brooks was calling him and the other commissioners racist in that letter. Brooks in return said his only intention was to ask the attorney to approach the judge in the case Dillard vs. Crenshaw, in which the county is under a court decree, and have him pursue the process of electing the commission chairman each year.

While addressing the commission Monday, Kennington said Brooks is not chairman because of his race.

You have alleged that some of these commissioners might be racist," he said. "I dare say if anybody on this board here is racist, it would be you."

Kennington continued by saying he feels Brooks owes the commission and people of Coffee County an apology, and he said he thinks Brooks should resign as commissioner.

The board is elected to serve the people," Kennington said. "I want to charge my commissioner and this entire board to stop this and other issues like it and nip it in the bud."

Brooks asked Kennington if he has personally seen the letter in which he wrote to Blacksher. He said he feels whoever read the letter must have misunderstood it.

You're attacking me on something you don't know anything about," Brooks said in response to Kennington.

At that point, the discussion seemed to take on the form of a verbal disagreement, and Commissioner Robert Stephens asked Commission Chairman Tom Grimley to call for a point of order.

The continued worry about mosquitoes and West Nile Virus was discussed by the commission when Stephens made a motion to have county engineer Randy Tindell investigate the situation to see if there is money or product available to assist in the county with the control of mosquitoes.

Tindell said he believes most counties that are asking for assistance from the state are going through the emergency management agency (EMA) director

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FOEPL

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Librarian Kay Wilson displays a picture of FOEPL. The artwork was chosen as the official logo for FOEPL.

four new computers, create a network between the computers with Internet service and start a senior adults computer programming project.

And, FOEPL members hope the presence of fiber optics will give the library more opportunities to offer additional services to the people of Elba.

Basically, Wilson said FOEPL members supply more volunteers for the library, and more volunteers means the library will be able to offer more programming.

On a side note, FOEPL will soon put a face to its name when the official FOEPL artwork will be displayed during a reception that is being planned for some time around October.

Students of the Talent Pool class at Elba Elementary School were

asked last year to create FOEPL, and one was chosen as the official logo. That piece of artwork, along with the others will be on display during the reception. In addition, the students will be recognized for their efforts.

A FOEPL organizational meeting is planned for Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m. at the Elba Public Library, and anyone interested in helping promote these and other services is encouraged to attend.

Not only does FOEPL create awareness of the opportunities of the library, place attention on the library needs, enrich the cultural advantages available for the citizens, and increase the library services, but most importantly, Wilson said, it maintains an association of persons interested in books and reading.

Obituaries

CURTIS C. RUSHING

Mr. Curtis C. Rushing, age 89, passed away Aug. 21, 2002 in Dothan Regional Hospital. Graveside services were held Aug. 23, 2002 in Alexander City, Ala.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, Elba, Ala.; one daughter, Peggy (Charles) Daniels, Birmingham, Ala.; one son, Haley (Mattie), New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; one step daughter, Eva Keneagon, Melbourne, Fla.; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

GLENN MCCONNELL ROBERTS
Mr. Glenn McConnell Roberts, age 79, of Elba, Ala., died Aug. 25, 2002 at the Elba Nursing Home.

In lieu of flowers the family request that memorial contributions be made to the Elba First Assembly of God Church in memory of Dr. Roberts. Hayes Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. Glenn A. Roberts, Elba,

Ala.; Robert Lloyd Roberts, Holmes Mill, Ky.; one daughter, Deborah Jean Miller, Burgettstown, Pa.; two brothers, Reade Roberts, Allentown, Pa.; Lloyd Roberts, Madison, Ind.; and 11 grandchildren.

Survivors include one son, Jeff Deal, Dozier, Ala.; two daughters, Elizabeth McCann and Bernice Osborn, both of Opp, Ala.; 10 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

BONNIE HATTAWAY

Ms. Bonnie Hattaway, age 85, of Opp, Ala., died Aug. 26, 2002 at the Opp Nursing Facility.

Funeral services were held Aug. 28, 2002 at Wyatt Funeral Home Chapel with Donald Dillard officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Wyatt Funeral Home of Opp directing.

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CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

C.C. Baptists Institute of Samford University has begun classes

The Coffee Baptist Institute of Samford University began classes on Monday, August 26, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at the Coffee Baptist Center at 603 E. McKinnon in New Brockton. The Ten Commandments will be taught by Rev. Henry Johnson and 1 Corinthians will be taught by Dr. G. Lance Hogan.

"One Hundred Women in Hats" to be held at Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church

"One Hundred Women in Hats" will be held at the Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church of New Brockton. This event is planned for September 15, at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Irma Townsend, from Enterprise.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...?

A Service of the Elba Church of Christ

The Bible teaches that all men face physical death, but there will also be some remaining alive when the Lord returns. Will those remaining alive never experience what happens to those who have died and will die before the Lord returns?

B.E., Elba

There are going to be two groups of people who will be alive when the Lord returns. The group who are Christians will not have to experience what will happen to those who are not Christians. In regards to what the other group will experience, Paul wrote: "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). Those who are alive when the Lord returns and are not Christians will be destroyed in the fire that will destroy the world and everything in it (2 Peter 3:10). But they will also go on to the judgment to be cast into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41).

But Christians who are alive need not worry about the day when the Lord comes in judgment, for they will go and meet the Lord in the air, and forever be with him (1 Thessalonians 4:17). They will also meet those who will be caught up first, those who are dead in Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:16). Though the Christians who are alive at the day when the Lord returns will not experience having to die and be buried, there will be a change they will go through just as those who were dead and resurrected. Paul wrote: "Behold, I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality" (1 Corinthians 15:51-53). And when this happens there will be no more death (1 Corinthians 15:54-55). There will be none left behind, as the Lord said: "Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28-29). So those who are alive and are Christians will go with the good unto the resurrection of life, and those who are alive and are not Christians will go with the evil unto the resurrection of damnation when the Lord returns. Jimmy Simmons

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Scripture: John 4:15-40

***Thinking of you, praying for you: The Davis, Glover, Buckner, Cooper, Owens, Lewis, Robinson, Sikes, Wilson, Thomas and Lane families, Cathan Knight, Hillie Hooks, Wallace Belcher, Bettye English, Johnnie M. Daniels, Bettye Burks, Ruth Belcher and Leo Henderson.

***Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 1 County Road 528, Route 4, Elba will have 11th Church Anniversary Program on September 1, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. ***Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Phenix City, Ala., Rev. J.C. Fryer pastor, celebrated

Men and Women's Day on Sunday, August 25, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba, Ala., and Shiloh M.B. Church (Trenton Community) Brundidge, Ala., were guest churches along with the combined choirs rendered music. Rev. A.R. Williams was guest minister.

***Milton and Bettye Belcher, their grandchildren and Mrs. Estelle Franklin all of Montgomery, Ala. visited Eria L. Belcher and family recently. Today is a good day, he gratefully.

Country Cathedral to host Labor Day Singing

There will be a Labor Day Sing on Monday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m. Featured groups are The Cains, The New Covenant Singers, Debbie Fleming and The Good News Quartet. The sing will be held in the Family Life Center at Country Cathedral Church in Opp, Ala. Free hot dogs and drinks will be provided. The church is located on highway 84 East of Opp, Ala. For more information call (334)493-4965.

Diversified Nursing Seminar at MacArthur Saturday, Aug. 31st

In cooperation with Diversified Nursing Services of Selma, MacArthur State's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division will offer "Law and Ethics: The Dynamic Duo" on Saturday, August 31, 2002.

This continuing education course for nurses, social workers, and nursing home administrators will discuss how the role of health care professional as patient advocate is often accompanied by ethical and legal dilemmas.

ESJC Chorus has openings

Those who love to sing may join Enterprise State Junior College's Community Chorus. Participants, along with ESJC Singers, will present a performance in December. The Chorus meets on Mondays, 7:00-8:30 p.m., September 23-December 2. There is a \$10.00 fee for this course. Interested persons may register at any time. For more information, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.



NAOMI AND THE SEGOS will be in concert at the Elba Church of God on Thursday, September 5, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Ozark District to host harvest Home and Annual Conference August 31

The Ozark District will hold its Harvest Home and Annual Conference, Reports Meeting and Worship Services on Saturday, August 31 at 10:00 a.m. at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Hartford.

This will be the last Ozark District meeting of this conference year. On September 1, 2002, South Alabama Conference A.M.E. Churches will gather for their Annual Conference, hosted by Pastor Oliver Allen and members of Park Chapel A.M.E. Church in Dothan.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Rev. E.R. Mayo and the late Alma Mayo of Enterprise, and Oleth Reeves and the late Grady M. Reeves of Elba. The bride-groom is the grandson of Lillian Wallace and the late Nelson Wallace, and the late Simon and Lenana Marler of Elba.

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Elba Tigers look to open season with big win at home

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Kinston's offense took to the field in the second quarter against the Barbour County Bulldogs, and it looked like the Bulldogs would quickly march down the field after a 20-yard burst up the middle by Jim Besdole. A fumble stopped the scoring threat; however, and Kinston's offense turned the turnover into points as it marched into the endzone against the Houston County defense to put the

Elba Tigers shut out Samson 14-0

Jason Curran made 4 tackles, had 1 assist and recovered 2 fumbles to lead the Elba defense, while Marcus Henderson added 6 tackles and 1 assist and Jessie Thigpen added 4 stops, 1 assist and had a key quarterback sack.

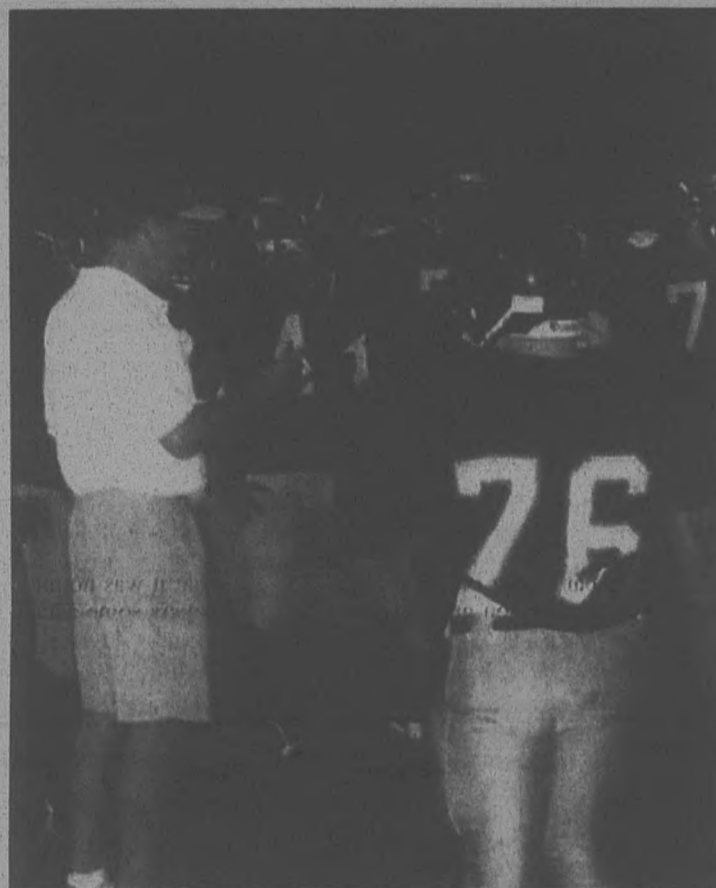
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Elba Junior High Tigers battle Samson to 0-0 scoreless tie in one quarter of football action

The Elba offense gained 29 yards on eight running plays and



Elba quarterback Brandon Petty (7) rolls out to avoid the rush and looks downfield for a receiver in last week's preseason game against Samson.



Elba Junior Tiger coach Marty Marler talks with his team during a time-out in the fourth quarter of action in last week's Foggy Bottom Classic.

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SPORTS

Elba Tigers hoping to build on success of 2001 season

Elba Tiger football fans will be hoping that the 2002 season was simply a preview of even better things to come when the Tigers kick off the 2002 season this week with their sights set firmly on a return trip to the Class 3A state playoffs.

The Tigers rebounded from five consecutive losing seasons to post a 7-5 mark a year ago, and advanced to the second round of the playoffs before falling to eventual 3A runner-up Tarrant.

"We have a lot of players back from last year's team," said Elba head coach Mike Waters, "but what happened last season was a game that was a year in the making. It was one of those years where you have to win a playoff game. However, we can't live off last year's success. If we expect to improve this season and continue to build our program back up after several losing seasons, we have some very good players back and they have worked hard to get bigger, faster and stronger. Now is the time to carry that over to the football field and find out just how good we really can be."

The Elba offense lost only two starters to graduation off last season's team, but those two were the anchors of the offensive line in Gavin Mauldin (6-6, 295) and Michael Reed (6-3, 280). Two other starters from a year ago did not return this year, which left only senior Patrick Tyson (195) as the lone returnee in the Tiger offensive front.

"We just about lost everyone up front," said Coach Waters, "and how quickly our younger players step in and handle the pressure in the line will dictate how effective we will be on offense. We have some inexperienced players like Bradley Bane (175), Pasco Lindsey (215), Jessie Thigpen (225), Derrick Thomas (210), Freddie Mahory (225), Adam Spicer (215) and Jesse Schultz (230) that will have to get a lot of on the job training, and while they all have the desire and dedication to become good football players, it will just take a while for them to settle in and gain confidence against the teams we

line up against."

While the line will be young and inexperienced, the Tigers do appear to be loaded in the backfield and at the receiver position. The tailback tandem of Todd Hostetler, Dougie Pearson and Quinton Moultry combined for 1,732 yards and 24 touchdowns last season to lead the Tigers, while also back will be senior quarterback Brandon Petty, fullback Jason Curran, tight end Marcus Henderson, and wide receiver Kyle English.

"We should be solid at running back and at receiver," said Waters. "Todd, Dougie and Quinton all have good speed, and really push each other to start at tailback, while Brandon Petty will have to step in and be our leader at quarterback. Marcus and Kyle are both quality receivers, and at the line can help us, we should be able to move the football on offense."

The Elba defense will be anchored by Marcus Henderson (185) and Jason Curran (210) at linebacker, while Chris Bryant (185) will be looked upon to hold down a young line that is big, but inexperienced.

"We will have to have some kids step up in a hurry in the defensive line if we are to be a solid defensive unit," added Coach Waters. "We have starters back at most other spots and look for them to step up and be leaders, but it takes all eleven working as one to be successful, and that's the most important thing. We do have quickness on defense at just about every position and have our entire secondary back from last season. So it is easy to see that early on the defense may have to carry the load."

The Tigers will remain in Class 3A Region 1 this season, but the region will take on a new look and could be among the toughest in the state, regardless of classification.

"There is no doubt that our region is loaded and will be one of the toughest in the state," said Waters. "TR Miller, WS Neal, Clarke County, Straughn and Pike County are all ranked among the tops in the state in Class 3A, while Central of Hayville and Calhoun are both loaded with athletes and



2002 ELBA HIGH TIGERS



ELBA TIGER COACHING STAFF (Kneeling, l-r) Wynn Grimes, Jacey Wise, Marty Mauler, (Standing, l-r) Frank Phillips, Bill Rayburn, Head Coach Mike Waters, Karl Bledsoe.

can beat anybody on any given night. Add to the region opponents teams like Brantley, Laverne and Geneva County, and it is easy to see this may be the toughest schedule we have

faced in every long time.

"We have some quality players back on both sides of the football and everyone in town is excited about Elba Tiger football," said Coach Waters. "There will be no easy weeks but



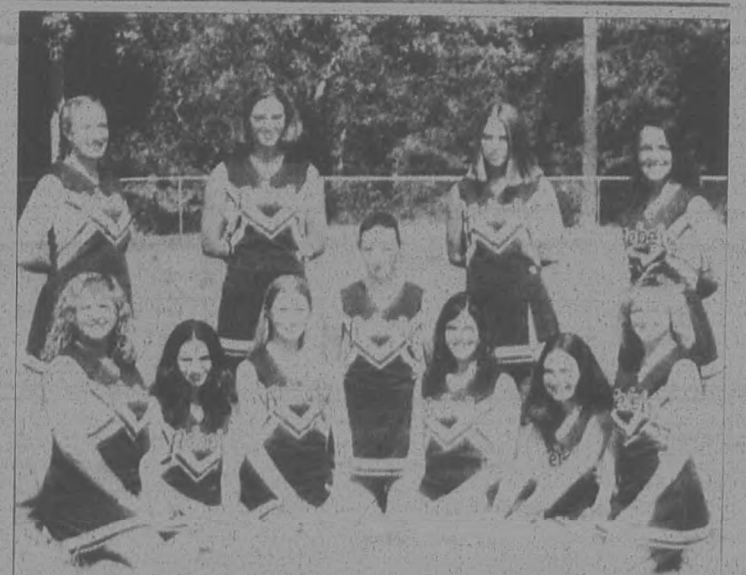
ELBA TIGER CHEERLEADERS (Kneeling, l-r) Mary Katherine Head, Anna Harrison, Anna Anderson, Kael Grantham, Kristan Barnes, (Standing, l-r) Ashley Gibson, Devin Kilcrease, Lyndsay Lawford, Mathory Allen and Cassy Cooper.

"Now it is our turn to step in and play the hard way, and we can and will have to play it that way. We will have to be tough and play hard every time we go out on the field. There will be no easy weeks but

"We don't plan on changing much on offense from last season," said Coach Donaldson. "We may throw the ball a little more and mix up some plays, but basically we will just try to execute and play sound fundamental football on every play. On our defense we will run more zone front and try to get after folks. We will make changes and adjustments weekly to try and best prepare for our opponents. But we will stay pretty simple and let the players meet at the football. If we have a strength on defense it will be our quickness and aggressiveness."

Other Rebels looked upon to be leaders on defense include sophomore linebacker Charlie Hurd (5-6, 150) and sophomore lineman Hayden Osborne (6, 200).

"We are in a very tough region and have ten very good opponents on our schedule," added Donaldson. "I think Pleasant Home will be the team to beat, but Brantley, Houston County and Cottonwood are all going to be tough. We can be competitive, but we are going to have to be lucky with injuries and improve as we go. We will probably play twenty of the games, and that means everyone is going to have to step in and help. The season will be a test, but hopefully a test that we can prepare for and pass."



ZION CHAPEL REBEL CHEERLEADERS



2002 LADY REBEL VOLLEYBALL TEAM

2002 Zion Chapel Lady Rebel volleyball team to open season August 29 against Kinston

The sport of volleyball is alive and well on the campus of Zion Chapel High School, and when the Lady Rebels open the season this week with a cross-county clash against the Kinston Lady Bulldogs, Zion Chapel will field both a varsity and junior varsity team.

The Lady Rebels, under the direction of Coach Shasta Arnett and assistant coach Sandra Skinner, began preseason drills with only 12 players, but now boast 21 players on the two teams, and are looking forward to a complete season and having the opportunity to host matches on its home court.

The first test of the season will be on August 29 at Kinston, with the first serve set for 4:00 PM at the Bulldog gym.

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Kinston Bulldogs face rebuilding season

The Kinston Bulldogs enjoyed one of their best seasons ever a year ago and made a rare appearance in the state football playoffs. However, after losing over half the team to graduation and having only three starters back on both sides of the football, Coach Gary Glass will admit that this season will be one in which his team will have to roll up its sleeves and battle from start to finish to post a second straight winning record.

"We had fifteen seniors on last year's team that had played together for three years and they worked hard to be a winning team," said Coach Glass. "This season we are back to where we were a few years ago, and it will take hard work and dedication for this bunch to improve and do what it will take to be successful on the football field."

Only three starters will return on offense, but the senior trio

include guard Jody Davis (215), tackle Paul Carnley (280) and running back Jim Bledsoe (160), and Coach Glass stated Bledsoe will be looked upon to carry the load.

"Jim is going to be our work horse on offense this season," said Glass. "He has good speed and durability, and will probably carry the football twenty-five times a game. We will stay in the wing-T set on offense in an attempt to dictate tempo and control the clock, and hopefully we can break a few big plays with our misdirection and traps. Our best chance to win will be to control the football and to get in the fourth quarter with a lead or close to it."

Others expected to help lead the way on offense will be junior quarterback J.T. Wiggins (160), senior running back Matthew Wilkerson (210) and sophomore fullback Cole Meeks (120).

"We should be pretty solid on the defensive side of the ball," added Glass, in his second year at the Bulldog helm. "We will stay in a 5-3 defense most of the time and make some minor adjustments depending on who we play, but we have to be solid and will have to keep it pretty simple for our younger players to be able to settle in."

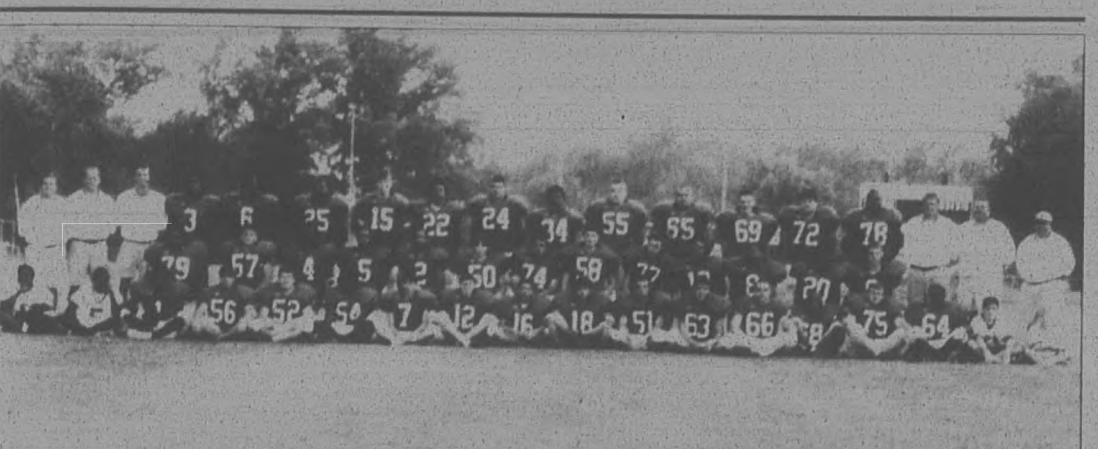
Defensive standouts expected to lead the charge include freshman tackle Chase Berry (250), along with seniors Matthew Wilkerson (J.R.), Jody Davis (NG) and Jim Bledsoe (DB), along with sophomores Mitchell Whaley (140) and Joseph McCrummen (130).

Our biggest concern on defense will be a lack of speed on the corners," stated Coach Glass. "We have some little guys that will come up and hit, but they aren't real quick and will have to be sound fundamentally on every play and read their keys."

Last year we had very few players go both ways," said Glass, "and that will not be the case this season. Most starters will have to stay on the field throughout the game, and will just have to fight hard and give their all. Most of the teams in our region are looking to have big years, which means every single week will bring a new test for our young players. We will gain experience as we go, but nothing will come easy this season."



KINSTON BULLDOG CHEERLEADERS



2002 BRANTLEY HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS

Brantley Bulldogs looking for banner season behind experienced returnees

The Brantley Bulldogs dominated small school football in Alabama throughout the decade of the 90's, but saw their winning ways come to an end last year in a 5-6 season that brought a smile to the faces of their opponents. This season the Bulldogs are still young in many positions. However, Coach David Lowery feels his team is ready to take a step back toward being a 1A power and hopes to wipe the smiles off the faces of their foes once they take the field.

"We have forty varsity players and have a good bunch of kids," stated Coach Lowery, "but we mostly have a bunch of juniors that had to play last year as sophomores. We do have seven seniors. However, the success of this team will depend on the younger players that are a year older and have a year of varsity experience."

The Bulldogs return four starters on offense, while three of the starters expected to be ready when the season kicks off this week in Elba. Devaris Skanes (170) will lead the Bulldog running game and will try to add to his 1,200 yards gained last season as a freshman, while Jimmy Mitchell (190) will be back at fullback and Cedric Brundidge (6-3, 170) will return as a weapon at tight end. Quarterback Channing Spivey is expected to miss the Elba game with a broken hand, and his absence is an obvious source of concern for Coach Lowery and his troops.

"Channing being out sends us back to square one at the quarterback position," said Lowery. "We have been working three



BRANTLEY BULLDOG CHEERLEADERS

quarterbacks in practice and will go with the one that seems to have the hot hand. We have had to rearrange some things due to the injury to Spivey, but will go forward and play hard every play and do our best."

If the Bulldogs do find their offense grounded due to the loss of Spivey, it will be far from being empty handed, as Marcel Stamps (6-3, 190) will be looked upon to step forward, and the backs will be led down field by the tackle tandem of Tim Kelley (6-1, 285), along with guard Chad Williamson (5-10, 240).

"We may not be able to score a lot of points for a few weeks," added Lowery, "so, our defense had better be ready to step up and keep folks off the scoreboard. Our secondary will be our strength, but we have some solid players in (DB) Cedric Brundidge, (LB) Jimmy Mitchell, (LB) Jamyal Jones,



2002 KINSTON HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS



2002 NEW BROCKTON HIGH GAMECOCKS

New Brockton Gamecocks looking for payback during 2002 football season

If hard work and experience pay dividends, the New Brockton Gamecocks may be headed for some big pay days this season as they get ready to hit the field for the kick off of the 2002 high school football season.

"We have 32 players on the varsity this season," said Coach Shannon Clark, "and return 23 of the 26 players that were on the varsity a year ago. All the seniors played as sophomores and the players know what they are doing on the football field. The team went to a camp in Georgia over the summer to improve its fundamentals, and we are confident that we know what to do, and how to do it."

The Gamecocks will again operate out of the wing-T on offense, and are loaded with experience in the backfield and in the line. Senior quarterback Joseph Sawyer (6-1, 190) will be back for his third year at signal caller, while junior fullback Tyler Simmons (5-8, 160) has been playing varsity football since the eighth grade. Simmons will join senior running backs Ray Magwood (5-8, 140) and Randy Dantford (6-0, 185) to give the Gamecocks perhaps their best backfield in ages. Leading the way up front looking to open holes in the line will be senior center Jody McCormick (6-0, 240), junior tight-end Eddie Fox (6-4, 185) and junior tackle Brian Allums



NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCK CHEERLEADERS

(6-8, 280). "We have good size up front and hope to be able to sustain drives and put points on the scoreboard," stated Clark. "The linemen all know their jobs and how to get it done. We just can't make mistakes, and certainly can't turn the ball over. On defense we have pretty good size up front, but not a lot of team speed. We will have to be a gang tackling team to be successful on defense. However, that should be the way we are anyway."

Other Gamecocks expected to lead the way on defense include senior Daniel Hernandez (6-0, 240) and Tanner Medley (5-10, 170). "Our kicking game has been good in the past and should be solid again," added Clark. "We have an exchange student from Peru in Miguel Puyave that has a strong leg and has really picked up American football in a hurry. He isn't used to people rushing him on kicks, but he is working hard and should be a good one."

In closing, Coach Clark stated, "Our seniors have spent a lot of time in the weight room over the summer and every player on the team made all 20 work-outs. The players have worked really hard to get better and are looking forward to getting on the field. The region is more even than in the past, and while most people feel Red Level, Houston Academy and Stocomb will be the top teams, I think any team could step up and win it all, including New Brockton."

Fire 33 under par in 36 holes

Elba Tiger golfers win E.C.C. scramble

The Elba Country Club held its annual "Person Scramble" on the weekend of August 9-10, with Elba Tiger golfers Justin Allen, Bart Barnes and Colby Capps putting a blistering 33 under par 111 to win the annual event.

Elba's Mark Wicker teamed with Opp's Ricky Smith and Robbie Sheppard to finish in tie for second, along with the Troy trio of Joey Holley, Jim Jackson and Scotty Stephens, which both finished with a 115.

Following is a complete listing of the tournament results:

CHAMPIONSHIP "A"

Allen-Barnes-Capps 56-55-111
Smith-Wicker-Sheppard 57-58-115
Holley-Stephens-Jackson 58-57-115
Crowe-Spears-Wise 59-60-119
Holley-Spencer-Murphy 59-62-121
Clark-Folmar-Tomberlin 61-61-122
Grimes-Stephens 60-63-123
Fuller-Maddox-Thompson 61-64-125
Trant-Dee-Cassidy 60-DNF
Aldred-Montgomery-Bryan 62-62-124
Lord-Little-Richburg 62-63-125
Gilchrist-Gilchrist-Channell 63-63-126
McCart-Daniels-Windham 63-63-126
Grantham-King-Prescott 63-64-127
Hudson-Hudson-Norman 63-66-129
Hudson-Lott-Richburg 62-68-130
Kilcrease-Kilcrease-Kilcrease 63-68-131
Warrick-Warrick-Johnson 64-59-123

CHAMPIONSHIP "B"

Lord-Little-Richburg 62-62-124
Gilchrist-Gilchrist-Channell 63-63-126
McCart-Daniels-Windham 63-63-126
Grantham-King-Prescott 63-64-127
Hudson-Hudson-Norman 63-66-129
Hudson-Lott-Richburg 62-68-130
Kilcrease-Kilcrease-Kilcrease 63-68-131
Warrick-Warrick-Johnson 64-59-123

CHAMPIONSHIP "C"

Peavehouse-Matthews-Long 64-59-123

Weeks-Weeks-Weeks 65-61-126
Lunsford-Stirling-Matthews 64-65-129
Benbow-Bimbo-Henry 63-67-130
Pope-Nolin-Hudson 65-66-131
Stirling-Burnett-Peck 65-67-132
Johns-Johns-Grimes 64-69-133
Spears-Nelson-Grimes 65-71-136

FIRST FLIGHT

King-Bowden-Jones 65-63-128
Ellis-Ellis-Ramer 66-65-131
Jones-Jones-Jones 67-64-131
Bush-Warrick-Kimbro 66-68-134
Martin-Marler-Wood 66-68-134
Strickland-Strickland-Daniels 66-69-135
O'Connor-Grey-Burger 66-69-135
Sutley-Bandstra-Maddaloni 67-72-139

SECOND FLIGHT

Ramirez-Kelley-Kuhn 68-62-130
Jackson-Jackson-Free 67-65-132
Willis-Willis-Reeves 68-64-132
Jackson-Jackson-Johnson 68-66-134
Thomas-Thomas-Williams 68-66-134
Baxley-Baxley-King 67-68-135
Wilson-Wilson-Taylor 68-68-136
Kinsaul-Morgan-Taylor 68-73-141

THIRD FLIGHT

Sutley-Hall-Rhodes 69-65-134
Mosley-Rhodes-Cochran 69-66-135
Clifford-Lee-Carter 69-67-136
Moore-Moore-Hawthorne 71-66-137
Ham-Gibson-Morrow 74-75-189
Whitworth-Mack-Grimes 75-77-152
Hall-Spurlin-Cobb 80-80-160



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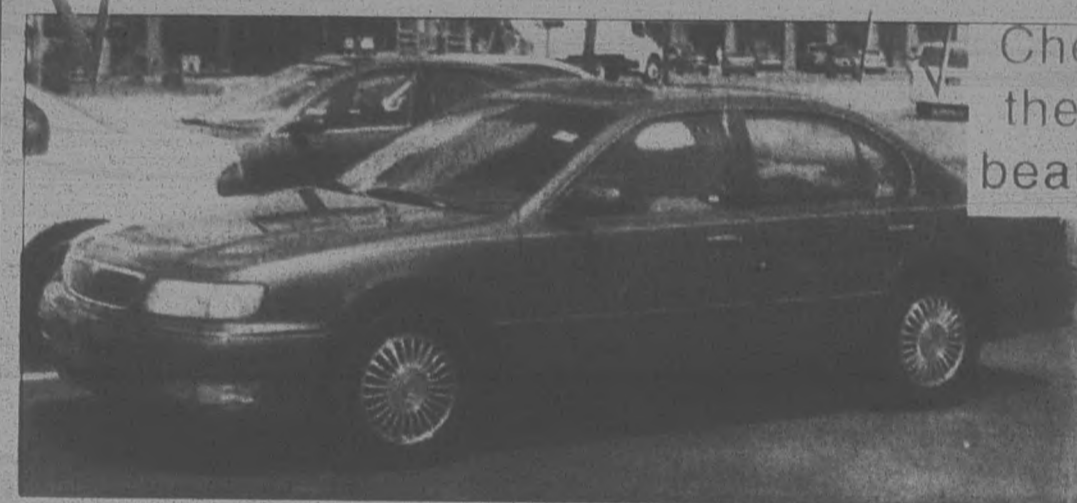
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